

Why did I get this information Sheet?

You have identified that you have a Penicillin/Amoxicillin allergy. It is now recommended that everyone (<u>Adults and Children</u>) with a Penicillin or Amoxicillin allergy get allergy testing done as 95% of people are not actually allergic to these antibiotics and 80% of people grow out of their allergy after 10 years. The testing we do in Winnipeg is <u>extremely safe, does not</u> <u>involve any needles</u>, and is being done all over the world. Our goal is to safely remove as many 'false' penicillin and amoxicillin allergies in Winnipeg as possible.

Benefits to Cancer Patients by Removing Penicillin/Amoxicillin Allergy

- Shorter hospital stays and improved survival for patients with bone-marrow cancers
- Lower chance of being re-admitted to hospital for patients with bone-marrow cancers
- The best antibiotics can be given for a common chemotherapy complication called *'febrile neutropenia'*
- Lower chance of antibiotic side effects and severe diarrhea from C. difficile
- Less expensive than other antibiotics (53% savings) and less side effects
- Less bacterial resistance which is better for everyone in our society
- Lower chance of getting a bad skin infection (MRSA) while in hospital

If you are interested in getting rid of your Penicillin or Amoxicillin allergy, ask your doctor to send a referral to our clinic or contact us at <u>1-888-PEN-ALRG (1-888-736-2574)</u> or <u>info@penallergy.com</u> today!

We look forward to seeing you soon,

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